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For SILANE COUPLING AGENT TREATED-  
: SILICA AND RUBBER COMPOSITION  
CONTAINING THE SAME

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Examiner: Not Yet  
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**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

MS PCT  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the  
above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of  
claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.